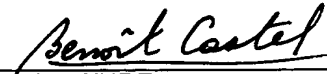


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| TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 | | Attorney Docket No. 2001-1343 U.S. Application No. 10/500836 |
| INTERNATIONAL APPLN. NO. PCT/NL03/00023 | INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE January 15, 2003 | PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED January 15, 2002 |
| TITLE OF INVENTION: HEARING AID | | |
| APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US: Lourens George BORDEWIJK | | |
| Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information: | | |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below. 4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31). 5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau. See attached PCT/IB/308. c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). 6. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto. b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made, however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. d. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made. 8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)). 9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)) or a Declaration of Inventorship for purposes of U.S.A. designation pursuant to rule 4.17(iv). 10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)). | | |
| Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included: | | |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) w/PTO-1449 - <input type="checkbox"/> Copy of IDS citations. 12. <input type="checkbox"/> Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s)). 13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment. 14. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 C.F.R. 1.76. 15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification. 16. <input type="checkbox"/> A change of power of attorney and/or change of address letter. 17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825. 18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application (35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4)). 20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: <u>International Preliminary Examination Report and International Search Report</u> | | |

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| 21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted: BASIC NATIONAL FEE (37 CFR 1.492 (a) (1)-(5)): Neither international preliminary examination fee nor international search fee paid to USPTO and international Search Report not prepared by the EPO or JPO \$1080.00 International preliminary examination fee not paid to USPTO but International Search Report prepared by the EPO or JPO \$920.00 International preliminary examination fee not paid to USPTO but International search fee paid to USPTO \$770.00 International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO but all claims did not satisfy provision of PCT Article 33 (1)-(4) \$730.00 International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO and all claims satisfied provision of PCT Article 33 (1)-(4) \$100.00 ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT | | | | CALCULATIONS PTO USE ONLY | |
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| Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20- <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)) | | | | \$ | |
| CLAIMS | NUMBER FILED | NUMBER EXTRA | RATE | \$ | |
| Total Claims | 11 - 20 = | 0 | x \$18.00 | \$ | |
| Independent Claims | 1 - 3 = | 0 | x \$86.00 | \$ | |
| MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable) | | | + \$290.00 | \$ | |
| TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATION = | | | | \$ 920.00 | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2. | | | | \$ 460.00 | |
| SUBTOTAL = | | | | \$ 460.00 | |
| Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)). | | | | \$ | |
| TOTAL NATIONAL FEE = | | | | \$ 460.00 | |
| Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31) \$40.00 per property + | | | | \$ | |
| TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED = | | | | \$ 460.00 | |
| | | | | Amount to be refunded: | \$ |
| | | | | Charged: | \$ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$460.00 to cover the above fees is attached. <input type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge indicated fees and credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 in the name of Young & Thompson. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fee required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17. | | | | | |
| SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO: YOUNG & THOMPSON 745 South 23 rd Street Arlington, VA 22202 Telephone (703) 521-2297 Y&T Customer No. 00466 BC/lmt | | |  SIGNATURE Benoit Castel, Reg. No. 35,041 NAME, REGISTRATION NUMBER July 7, 2004 DATE | | |